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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles—Hack of LA County Emails Exposes Data of 750,000 People

(U) Officials say a Nigerian national has been charged in connection with a hack of Los Angeles County emails that might have exposed personal data from more than 750,000 people who had business with county departments. The district attorney's office says 37-year-old Kelvin Onaghinor faces nine counts, including unauthorized computer access and identity theft. Onaghinor is still wanted, and officials are unsure if he is on US soil. There is no evidence that any confidential information had been released because of the breach.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sacramento—Authorities Increase Efforts to Thwart Prison Cellphone Smuggling

(U) California is installing nearly 1,000 sophisticated metal detectors, scanners and secret security cameras at its prisons in its latest attempt to thwart the smuggling of cellphones, thousands of which continue to flood the prisons despite previous efforts. Officials say the phones can be used to coordinate everything from attacks in prison to crimes on the street, yet they have thus far been unable to prevent inmates from repeatedly getting the devices. The new detection devices are expected to be used on inmates, visitors, and employees in all 35 adult prisons and three juvenile facilities by July.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado—Cases of Mumps Hit 10-Year High, According to CDC

(U) Colorado Springs—Top health officials are monitoring the worst mumps they've seen in the United States in 10 years. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says mumps cases have surfaced in all but four states with nearly 4,300 infections reported as of early December. Seven states have reported more than 100 cases this year, with Arkansas as the epicenter with nearly 2,200 cases in mostly school-aged children.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [WKRN Nashville](#)

(U) Florida—Authorities Dismantle Bahamas-to-Keys Immigrant Smuggling Network

(U) Key Largo—Federal agents have dismantled a South Florida immigrant smuggling network that brought undocumented foreign nationals from the Bahamas in boats to the Florida Keys so they could live and work in the United States illegally. Federal immigration agencies discovered the migrant smuggling ring after a joint covert operation based on a confidential tip, according to court records. The case began on 23 November, with the complaint stating that the smugglers were charging \$8,000 per person in one instance.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [Miami Herald](#)

(U) Texas—Jail Supervisor Convicted in Cartel Bribery Scheme

(U) Beaumont—A Texas jail supervisor is guilty of bribery after a cartel leader gave him money to use a cell phone, a federal jury found last week. Donald Roy Kelly, 43, is one of four defendants accused in a

scheme to supply a Gulf Cartel leader with a cell phone while he was locked up in a Beaumont correctional facility, according to a DEA press release. Kelly drew other people in to help with the scheme, but the plot fell apart after authorities seized the illicit cell phone in early January 2015. Kelly faces up to 15 years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [Houston Chronicle](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) China—Government Denies US Claim That China is Top Source of Synthetic Drugs

(U) Beijing—US assertions that China is the top source of the synthetic opioids that have killed thousands of drug users in the US and Canada are unsubstantiated, according to Chinese officials. Both the DEA and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy point to China as North America's main source of fentanyl, related drugs and the chemicals used to make them. However, China stated that such statements "lack the support of sufficient numbers of actual, confirmed cases." US-China cooperation is essential for mounting an effective global response to an epidemic of opioid abuse that has killed more than 300,000 Americans since 2000.

SOURCE: 19 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Jordan—Gunmen Kill 10, Including Canadian, in Attacks on Police

(U) Karak—Gunmen assaulted Jordanian police in a series of attacks yesterday, including at a Crusader castle popular with tourists, killing seven officers, two local civilians and a woman visiting from Canada, officials said. At least 34 people, including two foreign nationals, were wounded in the day's violence, which was one of the bloodiest attacks in Jordan in recent memory. The shootings were the latest in a series of attacks in which gunmen have targeted members of the Jordanian security forces and foreign trainers. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks in and near Karak.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Yemen—ISIL Suicide Attack Kills 48

(U) Al Mukalla—A suicide bomber disguised as a disabled man blew himself up at a gathering of Yemeni security officers in the southern port of Aden yesterday, killing 48 people and wounding dozens of others, Yemeni officials said. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant claimed responsibility for the attack, which was the second this month to kill scores of security forces near a military base in Aden. Yemen has been mired in conflict since the Houthis seized the capital in 2014, resulting in a disorder that have led to constant attacks in southern Yemen.

SOURCE: 18 December 2016, [New York Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) District of Columbia—Families and Children Illegally Crossing US-Mexico Reaching 2014 Levels

(U) Washington—The number of undocumented immigrants being apprehended on the US southwest border has nearly reached the levels of the 2014 summer border crisis, driven particularly by families, officials say. The influx stems from an increase in migration from Central America, Haitian nationals from Brazil and Cuban nationals, according to the US Customs and Border Protection. There has also been an increase in the number of people seeking asylum at the border. The total number is up over 100 percent from last year for the months of October and November.

SOURCE: 16 December 2016, [ABC News](#)

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